Clean Air Through Advanced Building Codes

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The Texas Energy Picture

- Oil & Gas production peaked in 1972
- Texas became a net energy importer in 1993
- 5th largest energy user in the world
- Texas accounts for 12% of U.S. energy consumption – why?
 - ❖60% of US petrochemical production
 - 25% of US refining capacity
 - 19 million vehicles
 - 22 million population



Electricity in Texas

- Annual growth in electrical use averaged +2.5% over last 10 years
- 350K GWh annually
- 70K MW peak demand (August)
- Electric generating fuel

♦ Natural gas 44%

◆Coal 40%

❖ Nuclear 14%

❖ Renewable 2%



How Electric Consumption Impacts Emissions (3-1 Rule)





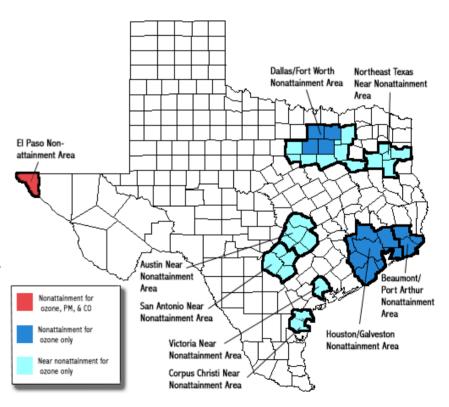
Texas Air Quality

Ozone Non-Attainment

- Dallas/Fort Worth
- Houston/Galveston
- Beaumont/Port Arthur
- El Paso

Ozone Near Non-Attainment

- Austin/San Antonio
- Corpus Christi/Victoria
- Tyler/Longview/Marshall





Texas Emissions Reduction Plan

SB 5, 77th Texas Legislature (2001)

Mobile

- Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants
- New Technology Research and Development

Building Energy Efficiency

- Building Energy Performance Standards
- Local Government Energy Efficiency



TERP - Building Energy Performance Standards

Legislative Findings/Policy Purpose

- Reduce air pollutant emissions affecting health
- Moderate future peak electric power demand, assuring reliability
- Controlling energy costs for residents and business in the state



TERP - Texas Building Energy Performance Standards

Texas Energy Code

- Residential(single-family)
 - Energy Efficiency chapter of the International Residential Code (IRC 2001)
- Multi-family/Commercial/Industrial
 - ❖International Energy Conservation Code (IECC 2001)



SIP-Creditable EE/RE

- Building energy codes
- Local solar photo-voltaic (PV) installations
- Local solar thermal installations
- Zero emission distributed generation (Fuel cells)
- Wind power purchases
- Water/wastewater energy-related improvements

- Street lighting and traffic signal lighting improvements
- Energy conservation building retrofits
- Appliance upgrades and cool roofs
- LEED-certified or comparable new buildings
- Building commissioning projects



Code Training and Support

- DOE
- EPA
- Texas A&M, ESL
- Texas State Energy Conservation Office
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- North Central Texas Council of Governments*

- Texas Association of Builders*
- Greater Houston Builders Association*
- Greater Dallas Home Builders Association*
- BCAP
- Alliance to Save Energy



WELCOME

Homebuilders and Building Professionals face a tremendously changing environment today. You are faced with the constant need to update your knowledge of that environment in the light of changing materials, building codes, liability and customer expectations.

This video, sponsored by the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, will provide you with a wealth of information on two of the most pressing issues for homebuilders today; the new TX Residential Energy Code and mold and water intrusion issues.

Part 1 of the Video will introduce you to the Texas Energy Code, its requirements, and show you how to easily comply with those requirements. In Part 2, you will learn the latest Applied Building Science behind building with the "systems approach" to residential construction for

SELECT FROM THE MENU

TEXAS RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE:

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

COMPLIANCE METHODS

OVERVIEW AND SCOPE

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: AIR LEAKAGE

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: YAPOR RETARDERS

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: INSULATION/WALLS

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: WINDOWS

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

HVAC/DUCT/ELECTRICAL/HOT WATER

RESCHECK PRESCRIPTIVE COMPLIANCE

RESCHECK SOFTWARE

APPLIED BUILDING SCIENCE:

INTRODUCTION

FOUNDATIONS

FRAMING/ROOF

MECHANICALS

INSULATION/DRYWALL/PLUMBING/ELECTRICAL

ADDITIONAL TIPS

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE MOLD

CONCLUSION

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How are we doing?

- **Emissions**
 - ❖824 annual NOx tons by 2007



- Building/material costs
 - Low-E windows 1/3 cost of pre-code
- ❖Consumer energy bills
 - ◆\$1 billion by 2008



Resources

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan

www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/oprd/sips/terp.html

❖Texas A&M/ESL – eCalc ecalc.tamu.edu

SECO Video & CD Code Training

www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/sa_residentialvideo.htm

